

MEETING TITLE:	Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) Quarterly Meeting
DATE:	July 13, 2006
Attendees:	
Janna Bardi	DOH Immunization Program CHILD Profile
Vicki Bouvier	DOH Immunization Program CHILD Profile
Gary Buckett	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
Carolyn Coyne	Washington State Health & Recovery Services Administration
Vikki Davis	Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officers
Pat deHart	DOH Assessment
Jeff Duchin	Public Health Seattle & King County
Jay Fathi	Washington Academy of Family Practice
Nancy Fisher	Health Care Authority
Jan Fleming	DOH Maternal & Child Health
Jan Hicks-Thomson	DOH Immunization Program CHILD Profile
Jo Hofmann	Consultant
Carrie Horwitch	Internal Medicine
Larry Jecha	Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officers
Neil Kaneshiro	Washington Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Donna Larsen	Public Health Nursing Director
Ed Marcuse	Consultant
Zach Miller	Consultant
Riley Peters	DOH Assessment
Gannady Raskin	Naturopathic Medicine
Ed Steinweg	Consultant
Michael Washington	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
Lin Watson	DOH Immunization Program CHILD Profile
Donna Zimburean	Washington State Chapter Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
Michelle Bilhimer	DOH Immunization Program CHILD Profile
Facilitator:	
Jan Fleming	DOH Maternal & Child Health
Recorder:	
Claire Norby	DOH Immunization Program CHILD Profile



<p>III. Action Items from the April 2006 Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting minutes approval for April 2006</li> <li>• Non-VFC-eligible</li> <li>• Rotavirus Vaccine and the Universal System</li> </ul> <p>Janna Bardi</p>	<p>The meeting minutes from the 4/27/06 VAC meeting were reviewed with no recommended changes.</p> <p>Jan Fleming stated that she knew there were many questions regarding HPV vaccine and that the issue would be discussed later in the meeting and covered more fully at the 10/12/06 VAC meeting.</p> <p>Lin Watson reported on an issue that was raised at the 4-27-06 VAC meeting: Are all children who are referred to a federally-qualified health center (FQHC) eligible for VFC vaccine? Clarification from CDC was emailed to the VAC ListServ in May.</p> <p>The answer: Not all children seen are eligible for VFC vaccine. Some children who are accepted and seen at an FQHC are not VFC eligible and cannot receive vaccine funded by VFC. Lin will send out an email the end of July regarding under-insured children, with caveats, after conferring with a CDC attorney. (The attorney will not be available until the end of July.)</p> <p>Gary Bucket provided clarification of how benchmarking, which is done once a year in our state, validates VFC and non-VFC population estimates calculated by CDC.</p> <p><b>Comments from Committee Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is information on the CDC web site that addresses this (funding) issue.</li> <li>• What about children who have a capped medical benefit and have reached their cap?</li> </ul> <p><b>Handouts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VAC April 13, 2006 Meeting Minutes</li> </ul>	<p><i>The meeting minutes from the April 27, 2006 meeting were approved.</i></p> <p><i>Lin Watson will confer with a CDC attorney and send an email to VAC members via the ListServ at the end of July regarding under-insured children, with caveats.</i></p>
<p>IV. Rotovirus Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACIP Recommendation</li> <li>• VAC Recommendation</li> <li>• CHRMC Diarrhea Study Summary</li> <li>• CHARS Data Summary</li> </ul>	<p>It was anticipated that at this meeting, the VAC would make its recommendation for implementation of rotavirus vaccine in Washington State, and that after the ACIP makes its official recommendation, the VAC recommendation would be finalized.</p>	



	<p><b>Handouts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention of Rotavirus Gastroenteritis among Infants and Children: Provisional ACIP Recommendations for Use of Rotavirus Vaccine (RV)</li> <li>• VAC Rotavirus Vaccine Recommendation Discussion, 4/27/06</li> <li>• Summary of a recent Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center Diarrhea Study</li> <li>• Rotavirus Admissions in 2001-2005 vs Vaccine Efficacy (Recommended vs Late in Schedule)</li> </ul>	<p><i>Marcuse: The VAC recommends that rotavirus vaccine be included in the state immunization program in accordance with the ACIP recommendation and that we educate the health and public health communities about the availability in order to prevent rotavirus-related morbidity beginning this winter.</i></p> <p><i>The motion was seconded and considered final.</i></p>
<p>V. Combination Vaccine Proviso Requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guiding questions and discussion</li> <li>• VAC response to proviso questions</li> </ul> <p>Jan Hicks-Thomson</p> <p>Combination Vaccine Proviso Requirement (cont'd.)</p>	<p>DOH received an additional \$750,000 to purchase the newer combination vaccines. The proviso attached to the funds indicates the need for VAC input to DOH decision-making. The framework for discussion is based on the requirements of the proviso.</p> <p>Jan Hicks-Thomson asked the VAC members for strategies to make the best use of the additional money.</p> <p><b>Comments from Committee Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Because there is no data regarding combination vaccine rates, could we provide vaccine to a community with low rates to learn from that community?</li> <li>• Don't blast the vaccine out there, and then have it run out.</li> <li>• Concern raised that it's not feasible to focus a combination vaccine on a specific visit only (i.e., 6 month visit)</li> <li>• Have the providers apply for the vaccine indicating how the vaccine would make a difference in your community</li> <li>• Concern raised that there not be an additional administrative burden with combo vaccines (resulting in it only being sought by providers with more resources)</li> <li>• Focus on antigens with the lowest rates.</li> </ul>	

<p>VI. Influenza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACIP Recommendation</li> <li>• DOH Inventory – Types of presentations</li> <li>• VAC Recommendation</li> </ul> <p>Lin Watson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our main mission is to prevent diseases, not increase immunization rates.</li> <li>• Focus on infants less than one year old and adolescents.</li> <li>• We could purchase MMRV and make it available to everyone and possibly raise varicella rates</li> <li>• There is very little wastage with MMRV.</li> <li>• Can dissemination of the limited supply be fair, equitable and simple for providers?</li> </ul> <p><b>Handouts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESSB 6386.SL</li> <li>• Combination Vaccine Budget Proviso, 7/13/06</li> <li>• Combination Vaccine in Context of Schedule, 7/13/06</li> <li>• Combination and Component Cost Comparison, 7/13/06</li> </ul> <p>VAC Recommendation for Use of Combination Vaccines, 1/06</p> <p>There has been an expansion in ACIP's recommendation for influenza vaccine: Healthy children aged 24 months through 59 months, and their household contacts and out-of-home caregivers, should be vaccinated against influenza. This change extends the recommendations for vaccination of children so that all children aged 6 months through 59 months receive annual influenza vaccine. Children who have not had a previous flu shot should receive two doses. If they have had one dose in the previous season, they only need the second dose.</p> <p>There may be a shortage for 3 year old children during the transition year.</p> <p>Jan Hicks-Thomson noted that DOH is not purchasing flu mist this year because of cost.</p>	<p><i>Jan Hicks-Thomson thanked everyone for their comments. The strategies will be recapped and sent out to VAC members. We're planning to also survey providers and then develop a strategy for purchasing/distributing.</i></p>
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<p>VII. Examination of the Universal Vaccine System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and discussion</li> </ul> <p>Janna Bardi Lin Watson Michael Washington</p>	<p><b>Handouts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MMWR June 28, 2006/55(Early Release):1-41, Prevention and Control of Influenza, Primary Changes and Updates in the Recommendation</li> <li>Influenza (Flu): Questions &amp; Answers: Influenza Vaccine Supply and Vaccination Prioritization Recommendations for the U.S. 2006-07 Influenza Season</li> <li>2006-2007 DOH Influenza Vaccine Supply</li> </ul> <p>Janna Bardi pointed out that the universal vaccine system was designed a long time ago and things have changed greatly. She has talked with CDC about how our system is working and asked for their technical assistance in identifying possible improvements CDC recommended that a specialist review Washington State's universal vaccine system and recommended Industrial Engineer, Dr. Michael Washington. Dr. Washington is reviewing Washington State's universal system and presented his expert opinion of potential impacts of change:</p> <p>Provider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verify VFC eligibility</li> <li>Accountability and documentation</li> <li>Additional administrative time on VFC issues</li> <li>Opportunity cost</li> <li>Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for clients</li> <li>Clinic profit</li> <li></li> </ul> <p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional documentation</li> <li>Additional responsibility and oversight</li> <li>Coverage and disease (susceptible population shift)</li> <li>Political (no comment)</li> </ul>	<p><i>A motion was made to adopt the ACIP recommendation. It was recommended that the household contact language for infants less than 6 months be highlighted with a separate bullet.</i></p> <p><i>The motion was seconded and considered final.</i></p>
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<p>Examination of the Universal Vaccine System (cont'd.)</p>	<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More detailed flowchart of current system</li> <li>• Flow chart of potential changes to system</li> <li>• Data collection from providers and state</li> </ul> <p>Conclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We do not know what the potential changes to a system will be because people have not scientifically documented changes within a universal system or from a Universal system to a non-Universal system.</li> <li>• Currently, we are speculating on potential differences between systems.</li> <li>• This is the first study of its kind.</li> <li>• Fewer variables in a system results in lower cost, and more variables increase cost.</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments from Committee Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there measurable outcomes?</li> <li>• Will there be any change in cost to the LHJs?</li> <li>• Do universal states have higher immunization rates?</li> <li>• What are the consequences to non-VFC or the underinsured, third party payers, the public, the state?</li> <li>• There are non-economic benefits of the system we should capture, i.e., relationship with LHJs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Handouts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Dr. Michael Washington; Universal Vaccination System: Washington State</li> <li>• Washington State Universal Vaccination System: Department of Health Flow Chart</li> <li>• Washington State Universal Vaccination System: Health Care Provider Flow Chart</li> <li>• Washington State Universal Vaccination System: Patient Flow Chart</li> <li>• Broad View</li> </ul>	
<p>VIII. Reports</p>	<p>Jan Fleming reported that there is a small DOH steering</p>	







<p>X. Public Comment</p> <p>Jan Fleming</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cynthia Schurtlef, Immunization Action Coalitiion of Washington, said that the WCAAP will make reimbursement one of its goals because increased rates are tied to access, and access is tied to reimbursement.</li> <li>• Marci Cleaver, thanked the VAC for their work.</li> <li>• Cindy Smith, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, asked the VAC, when making decisions about MMRV, to consider storage needs. Cindy also said that they are looking to offer CME credit to providers who attend their educational offerings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Handouts:</b> Immunization Policy Work – July 2006, Immunization Program Updates – 7/13/06</p>	
<p>XI. Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next VAC meeting- 10/12/06 at the Double Tree</p>	<p><i>Suggestions for the October agenda include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>HPV Recommendation</i></li> <li>• <i>2<sup>nd</sup> dose Varicells Recommendation</i></li> <li>• <i>Discussion of adolescent and adult vaccination: College survey report, travel vaccine, and vaccinating pregnant women.</i></li> </ul>